



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
January 15th, 2021 — 6:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:02 p.m. (10:35)**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Byers Councilor Volkart Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Clark	
<b>Also Present:</b>	
Jamie McLeod-Skinner, Interim City Manager Hector Flores, Interim City Recorder Jennifer Snook, Police Chief Bret Marshall, Public Works Director Kurt Sexton, Finance Director Zac Moody, Community Development Director Jeff Wilcox, Community Development Assistant/Code Enforcement	

**2. Meeting Accessibility (11:10)**

None requested.

**3. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (12:35)**

- Councilor Mayor addition to the agenda as item 9.1 Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Zac Moody. Original item 9.1 Emergency Evacuation Zones becomes item 9.2.

**Motion:** Councilor Ponomareff moved accept agenda with changes. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 4 ayes (Byers, Volkart, Ponomareff, Clark), 0 nays. Motion carries.

**4. Executive Session (14:10)**

- The Council will meet in an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

**5. Reconvening of Public Meeting and Report (1:22:22)**

**Motion:** Councilor Ponomareff moved the city submit a letter a nonappearance before LUBA due to limited city resources and the belief that all arguments will be adequately represented. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 4 ayes (Byers, Volkart, Ponomareff, Clark), 0 nays. Motion carries.

**6. Community Announcements (1:24:40)**

Mayor welcomes interim city recorder Hector Flores.

## 7. City Manager Report (1:25:35)

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff report moved to next regular city council meeting.

## 8. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (1:25:50)

None.

## 9. Public Presentations (1:27:35)

### 9.1 Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Zac Moody

Staff and Mayor present a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Community Development Director Zac Moody. Certificate read into record by Mayor Ayer-Flood.

### 9.2 Emergency Evacuation Zones

The Chief of Police and Community Development Director Zac Moody explained that after Alameda Fire, and planning for more effective evacuation. Staff brought up the importance of the Everbridge system. Staff recommendation outlined in staff report.

Council discussion:

- Councilor Ponomareff asked staff about timeline for Everbridge registration.
- Chief Snook addressed questions about Everbridge and Citizen Alert System.
- Councilor byers suggested that signing up to Everbridge and Citizen Alert System on city website.

Speaker on agenda item 9.2

Nancy Buono, (Talent, Oregon)  
Resident suggested checking in with Ashland CERT.

## 10. New Business (2:00:20)

### 10.1 Emergency Housing in Mobile Home Parks and Non-Conforming Uses

Staff Report – Interim City Manager and Community Development Director

Interim City Manager Jamie McLeod-Skinner updated Council on city coordination with FEMA regarding potential for temporary emergency housing in Talent and her outreach to property owners regarding potential coordination with FEMA.

Owner of Talent Mobile Estates, Mr. Kim, requested information from Community Development Director Zac Moody regarding options for replacing manufactured homes in his mobile home park, which lost most of its homes to the fire.

Community Development Director Zac Moody presented the Council with 3 options for replacing homes at Talent Mobile Estates: require a Type 3 land use permit, amend Zoning Code, or update and extend the Executive Order for temporary emergency housing.

Council discussion:

- Councilor Ponomareff asked about whether if FEMA is hampered from work by the expiration of September 2021 executive order.
- Councilor Volkart asked Community Development director about zone code revisions.

Speakers on agenda item 10.1

Deborah Herring, (Talent, Oregon)  
Resident spoke in support of amending agreement.

Lance Herring, (Talent, Oregon)  
Resident spoke on high price of housing.

Nancy Buono, (Talent, Oregon)  
Resident raised questions regarding unintended long-term consequences.

**Motion:** Councilor Ponomareff moved to recommend that staff proceed with reviewing applications that provide interim housing options through the temporary emergency accommodations guidelines established by the executive order in effect at the time and direct staff to begin reviewing the Talent Municipal Code - 18.195 *Non-Conforming Uses Lots and Structures* to determine if changed are necessary to facilitate the redevelopment of multi-family developments, manufactured home parks or commercial developments and to provide council with a recommendation. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor Ponomareff clarified the language of her motion in request from Councilor Volkart and Councilor Clark.

**Vote:** 4 ayes (Byers, Volkart, Ponomareff, Clark), 0 nays. Motion carries.

#### 11. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (2:48:35)

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked council for their availability for future extra meeting.

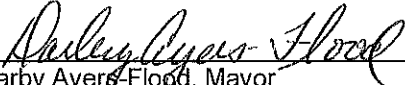
#### 12. Written Communications

#### 13. Adjournment at 8:35 p.m. (2:53:30)

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Hector Flores, Interim City Recorder

Attest:

  
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Darby Ayers-Flood, Mayor

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